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1. (Secret - JMM) Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding today's New York Times article by John Finney about SS-9 and SS-11 silos. Blandford said he would like somebody from the Agency, preferably General Cushman, to meet with Blandford and Slatinshek on Tuesday, 1 June, at 10:00 a.m., along with General Philpott, of DIA, in order to get an agreed CIA/DIA statement on the subject which could be used to refute some of Finney's allegations. After checking with the Director, I told Blandford that General Cushman would not be available but Carl Duckett would be glad to join them at that time. I explained that, as Slatinshek would recall from my earlier briefing, we didn't entirely agree with the Finney article but it was accurate in important respects so they should not expect us to completely refute it. Slatinshek said he understood the situation but wanted to refute some of Finney's flat statements which went beyond the position of the intelligence community. Slatinshek said that at the 1 June meeting they would want a paper on the subject coordinated between CIA and DIA. Mr. Duckett is working this out with DIA.

Discussed with Blandford and Slatinshek their request for information on all Agency covert action programs, explaining this was something we would not want to put in writing but would be glad to discuss orally and suggested they visit Headquarters for this purpose. It was agreed they would come to Headquarters for a general discussion of the Agency budget and our CA programs at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, 1 June 1971.

2. (Confidential - JMM) In the absence of Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.), I talked to Miss Jean Gordon, his Administrative Assistant, regarding inquiries Mr. Gubser had received, and referred to the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, concerning Agency involvement in Southeast Asian drug traffic. I said we understood from contacts in the Bureau that they had received Mr. Gubser's inquiry and were preparing a response which they hoped to deliver by noon tomorrow. I said we also understood this response would speak favorably of the Agency's cooperation with the Bureau in working on the drug problem, and we wonder whether, if this was the case, the Congressman might be willing to insert it in the Congressional Record, thus giving us something we could refer to in answering numerous questions on this subject. Miss Gordon said she could not speak for the Congressman but would be glad to call the letter to his attention with my suggestion as soon as it was received.

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3. (Unclassified - JGO) Received from the reporting firm of Ward & Paul the transcript of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing of Monday, 24 May, of testimony on proposed legislation to provide public financing for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

4. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Richard Barton and Mrs. Lois G. Myers, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, and returned the transcript of Committee hearings on Wednesday, 19 May, concerning legislation dealing with invasion of privacy of Federal employees. I gave Mr. Barton a copy of the Director's letter of 21 May to Senator Ervin requesting full exemption for the Agency from S. 1438, the Senator's bill relating to invasion of privacy of Federal employees.

All seven members of the Subcommittee and Mr. Barton have indicated that they will be present at the Agency breakfast on Wednesday, 9 June. Representative Dulski (D., N. Y.), of the full Committee, and Representative H. R. Gross (R., Iowa), senior minority member of the full Committee, have conflicting engagements and will not be able to attend. Arrangements will be made to pick up three of the members at New Jersey and "C" Street at 7:30 that morning and bring them to the Headquarters building.

5. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. [REDACTED] who told me that [REDACTED] will be finishing up his Agency contract in August and is very unhappy that he has been unable to locate Federal employment. It is not a matter of financial pressures, he has no apparent problems in this area; but rather his desire to be of continuing service. At dinner last evening, [REDACTED] indicated that he may seek assistance from Senator Jackson (D., Wash.). I thanked Mr. [REDACTED] for the advice.

6. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Miss Justine Snipes, Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and received from her the classified attachment to the Director's letter of 2 July 1970 to Chairman Henderson which was a section-by-section analysis of S. 782, Senator Ervin's bill relating to invasion of privacy of Federal employees. Miss Snipes has reviewed Committee files at my request and found that only this one classified document had been retained by the Subcommittee. I told her that we would maintain custody of the document and return it should Chairman Henderson have further need for it. No other Agency classified material is held by the Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee. I thanked Miss Snipes for her efforts in this matter.

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25X1A 7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. William Cook, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that H. R. 6483, the bill for promotion of members of the Marine Corps to full general was reported out by the full Committee but that one member has insisted during discussion that the number of generals authorized by the bill be reduced from four to three. From present indications, a member may well propose a similar amendment on the floor of the House when the bill comes up for consideration. Mr. Cook told me that the leadership has recommended that the Committee procure a rule on the bill and not attempt passage on either the Consent Calendar or by suspension of the rules. Although a letter requesting hearing by the Rules Committee on the bill is in the mill, the hearing cannot take place earlier than the week of 7 June. Consideration on the floor of the House will be scheduled after the hearing by the Rules Committee. Mr. Cook apologized that the report on the bill has not yet been received from the printers but may be available tomorrow. Mr. [REDACTED] has been advised.

25X1C 8. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Fran Christy, House Immigration
25X1C and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, who told me that the request for a report from Immigration and Naturalization on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has only recently gone forward to Immigration and Naturalization. At such time as report is received back, she will be requesting a report from the Agency.

9. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who returned to me for retention by the Agency the blind memo of 6 May concerning the Pakistan situation which had been given to Chairman Fulbright. Mr. Kuhl noted, in passing, that the Radios bill may well continue to get a bad time in the Committee due to Chairman Fulbright's opposition to the formation of a committee or organization to take Federal funds and dispense them to the Radios as is presently provided in the proposed legislation under consideration before the Committee.

10. (Unclassified - LLM) Mrs. Peckham, in the office of Representative Charles Thone (R., Neb.), called and asked for assistance in replying to a constituent who had raised the question of CIA complicity in the drug problem and I told her I would drop by.

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11. (Confidential - PLC) Met with Administrative Assistant Pat Swygert and Roger Mills, staff member, in the office of Representative Charles Rangel (D., N.Y.), who were concerned with allegations in Ramparts that CIA was involved in drug traffic in Southeast Asia. I briefed along the lines of the Agency's noninvolvement in any drug traffic and of our positive efforts assisting the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs to identify sources and shipment of opium. Mr. Swygert stated that his district is in the heart of Harlem and the drug situation is a menace. He requested a briefing by a representative of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and asked if I might arrange such a briefing for him. I stated I would and he would be contacted accordingly.

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12. (Confidential - RJK) Tim Wyngaard, in the office of Senator Mark Hatfield (R., Oreg.), called about an [REDACTED] which had been delivered Tuesday. It contained a statement from an American POW addressed to Senator Hatfield. The Senator's staff contacted the Casualty Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, and was able to make a positive identification of the serviceman. His parents were notified of the contents of the item by Senator Hatfield. The man's father would like to hear the tape. Mr. Wyngaard asked if we could supply the tape and I told him that the Casualty Branch was the action agency on POW problems and would make the tape available as soon as possible.

13. (Secret - GLC) Dorothy Fosdick, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations staff, called to say she was somewhat perplexed by the numerous news articles about Soviet ICBM silos and wanted to be sure there was no change in the situation since the briefing Mr. Duckett gave her and Mr. Perle on 19 May. She was particularly interested about the alleged testing of the new Soviet missile. After checking with Mr. Duckett, I assured Miss Fosdick the situation had not changed since that briefing and added that the preparation of the facilities for the new missile were continuing but we did not expect to see anything new on testing until later this summer. Miss Fosdick thanked me for looking into this.

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25X1A 14. (Unclassified - GLC) By way of followup to a message received
25X1A from [REDACTED], who is currently working overseas, I arranged for an
employment interview for [REDACTED] on the staff of the Senate
25X1A Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation Subcommittee, with Mr. [REDACTED]
on Tuesday, 1 June, at 2 p.m.

15. (Confidential - GLC) Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations
Committee, called and said he had learned Senator Milton Young would be out
of town on 7 June and asked if we could make our budget presentation on Friday,
11 June. After checking with Colonel White and the Director, I confirmed
this date to Woodruff.

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